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On the cover: Airman 1st Class Kenneth Nealis, 379th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron weapons load crew member, transfers a 2,000 pound GBU-31 Joint Direct Attack Munition from one lift truck to another for transport and loading onto a B-1B Lancer.

Don't be an AF 8-track Learn something new every day

by Lt. Col. Karen Bridges
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We've all got to keep learning and growing every day. Where would the Air Force be if Airmen wouldn't or couldn't learn new things? Let's take a look back to see how life in the Air Force has changed (relatively) recently.

My example is now a 30-year chief master sergeant... let's call him Moses... when Airman Moses first enlisted in the Air Force in 1977, the Air Force was wearing green fatigues... and anyone who worked in an office environment wore their blues to work every day. If he was tasked to provide an answer to his boss, he probably typed it up on a typewriter. Most of his fellow Airmen were exactly that — men. Only 10 years before that, the Air Force had lifted grade and strength restrictions for women, and there still weren't that many around. In his free time, Airman Moses listened to music on his 8-track tape player. That was back in the Cold War... The Soviet Union was the big bad bear, and they were watching us just as closely as we were watching them...

Fast forward another 10 years... in 1987, Staff Sgt. Moses is still ever ready, on guard against the Soviet hordes... the Air Force is still wearing green fatigue uniforms, but they have just introduced the brand new BDU — Sergeant Moses is one of the first people down to the uniform store to purchase his. His duty section has one computer... actually, it's made to do only one function, word processing, and the flight clerk uses it for the entire section's Airman Performance Reports (forerunner of the Enlisted Performance Report)... as part of a 24-hour watch, he keeps a log of his activities. Since they need 3 copies of the log for the hard copy read files, he uses carbon paper on the typewriter. Sergeant Moses has a brand new CD player and is collecting a couple new CDs every pay day... anyone remember these good old days?

In 1997, Senior Master Sgt. Moses is living a whole different life... The Berlin Wall has come down and the Russians are our allies... the Air Force has had a couple of different service dress uniforms by now, and everyone has a computer on their desk. Email is starting to become an official form of correspondence. Senior Master Sgt. Moses supervises an Airman who is on the weight management program, and the Expeditionary Air Force is still just a bunch of power point briefings. On his off-duty time, Senior Master Sgt. Moses relaxes by watching DVDs.

Fast forward to 2007. Chief Master Sgt. Moses now wears the new Airman Combat Uniform (ACU) when he reports to Southwest Asia for his Air Expeditionary Force rotation. His Army boss at his joint job didn't really want to let him go, but agreed to release him to perform the Global War on Terrorism tasking. He doesn't remember how we ever did without



Lt. Col. Karen Bridges

email and other Microsoft Office functions like PowerPoint, and now that he's a group superintendent, he's got a Blackberry strapped to his belt... enough of the donuts already, he is now Fit to Fight, working out to the customized music selection on his iPod!

Imagine if Airman Moses thought he knew it all and had stopped challenging himself to grow and learn new things... As leaders of the world's greatest Air Force, we must continue to grow. We must continue to learn new things. We must be learning leaders and set the example for our units. As learning leaders, we help ensure our organizations don't get stale and stagnate... that we continue to grow. We need to make it our challenge to learn something new every day.

And I know there are Airmen out there now saying, "Oh, great, now she's telling us we've got to do more work." Maybe or maybe not... the things we need to keep learning will sometimes be about our job. They may also be about a related job... for instance a pilot could certainly learn some useful things about a crew chief's job and vice versa. Those things we need to keep learning could also be about something completely unrelated. An example of this is the Mission Design Series of the Week, sponsored by the 379th Expeditionary Operations Group. Learning about the C-130 doesn't really have anything to do with my job directly, but it certainly increases my Airmanship knowledge. Additionally, learning things outside the Air Force help us become well-rounded people, and things which make us better people make us better Airmen.

As a new squadron commander, I asked all the unit members to write down their goals for this deployment — both for themselves and how they intended to make the unit and base a better place... many of them had goals of losing weight or getting in shape, but I was surprised how many folks listed some kind of educational goal — whether formal or informal - on their card. One reason the U.S. Air Force remains the world's best Air Force is our desire and willingness to learn new things. The moral of the story: Don't be the 8-track tape of the Air Force.

Airman amazed by unknown role of women in WWII history

by Senior Airman Allison McCalla
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Since I was a young girl, I have been fascinated with the idea of flight. When I was younger, my dad brought home a book he thought I would like. It was filled with colorful images of aircraft and interesting stories, as well as pictures of famous pilots, current and past.

Tucked away in a small section, near the end of the book, was a portion detailing the story of the Women Airforce Service Pilots, or WASP, of WWII. I had never heard of these women, as I am sure is the case with many other Americans. I was curious about this little known piece of history, so I began to read...

As I read their story I realized what a shame it was that I had never heard of them before that day. Their story is that of a group of women who were truly great pioneers of their time, and I would consider them inspirations to any era. Their story deserves to be told.

In 1941, before the US had entered World War II, two women pilots submitted proposals for females to fly in non-combat missions for the United States Army Air Force (USAAF). Their names were Jacqueline "Jackie" Cochran and Nancy Harkness Love. They believed that by using female pilots to fly missions, such as ferrying aircraft from factories and towing drones or targets, it would allow more male pilots to be available to fly in combat missions.

At the time, General Henry H. "Hap" Arnold was the commander of the USAAF. He held many of the prejudices that many men of that era had; seeing women as less capable than men. Both of the women's proposals were

turned down. General Arnold gave Cochran the "don't call us, we'll call you" line; basically saying if there was ever a need, that she would be contacted.

Cochran decided it was time to take another route and went to England to join the Air Transport Auxiliary where she would be able to fly. Meanwhile, the U.S. had been building its power in anticipation of an active involvement in the brewing conflict. Then came the attack on Pearl Harbor.

The need for women pilots grew, as there were not enough men to fill the roles that were needed. Shortly thereafter, Air Transport Command, without knowledge of General Arnold's previous decision, began to use women in transport/ferrying roles. This began the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS), under the command of Nancy Love.

In 1942, General Hap Arnold began to reconsider the women's proposal only to find that the women were already employed as the WAFS. Arnold finally agreed, both Cochran and Love were to establish their own flying squadrons. The two squadrons grew to greater strength and, in July of 1943, merged as the Women Airforce Service Pilots.

The WASP continued helping the country during and after WWII. 1,078 women became the WASP, the first women in history to fly

American military aircraft. They were stationed throughout the country at 120 air bases and flew over 60 million miles. The WASP performed many various missions as well as piloting almost every aircraft flown during WWII.

Thirty-eight WASP lost their lives in the line of duty during the war and were sent home, without honors or acknowledgment.

All records concerning the WASP were classified for 35 years and their story was brushed aside, almost lost in the vastness of history. Now that the story of the WASP has been told, they should continue to be honored and never again be forgotten.

I had never heard of these extraordinary women as many people

still haven't to this day. I was not aware that women had been an integral part of World War II. I had thought that women had been left out of that part of history, staying home and supporting the war effort in other, less obvious ways. I had no idea how wrong I was. I consider it an honor to be the one that relays this story onto those of you that have never heard it before; and if you ever hear someone say that women supported WWII from the home during that crucial part of our history, you too should consider it an honor to educate them on this forgotten piece of airpower history.



Deanie Parish, WASP, in front of a P-47 on the flight line at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., in the early 1940s.

Commander's Action Line


Addressing uniform violations

Comment: Question: I recently addressed a group of Airmen sitting at Memorial Plaza who were not wearing their PT uniforms properly. When I brought it to their attention, one said he was a lieutenant and that he was cold and he would take off the hoodie tomorrow when he wasn't cold. I told them to have a good night and walked away. I walked away not because of his rank, but because he was rude and condescending. What bothers me is that this was not a case of mistaken understanding of the regulation, they knew it was wrong and chose to wear the items anyhow. Do we all not have the responsibility to correct any infraction we see?

Response: Everyone, regardless of rank, has a responsibility to adhere to and enforce each and every Air Force standard and I commend you for pointing out this particular discrepancy. The individual you encountered lacked the professionalism that is expected and demanded of everyone in our Armed Forces and especially anyone on this installation. In the future, if an individual refuses to correct the discrepancy immediately, do not hesitate to elevate the awareness of the situation by asking to see the person's ID card to accurately identify the individual and contacting your First Sergeant and/or Commander so they can contact the individual's organization. We are in an environment where complacency is a threat to mission accomplishment and

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we cannot afford that risk. Therefore, it is everyone's responsibility to monitor and enforce Air Force policies and standards 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Thank you for bringing this to my attention.

- Brig. Gen. Charles Shugg
379th Air Expeditionary Wing commander

Base responds, recovers from severe winds

by Senior Airman Erik Hofmeyer
Editor

A base-wide effort ensured the safety of wing personnel and mission completion before and after hurricane-force winds battered the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing March 22.

A collapsing thunderstorm over the western border of the host nation brought sustained winds from 58 to 67 mph, and the top wind speed reached 82 mph – the highest recorded wind speed since the base opened. By comparison, Category 1 hurricane winds range between 74 to 95 mph, said Master Sgt. Brian McDonald, 379th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron Combat Weather Team NCOIC.

People scurried to take shelter as the storm shook building walls, tore through sunshades and canopies, damaged water and power lines, flipped over tents, ripped doors off hinges and a number of other damages.

Senior Airman Roberto Feliciano, 379th Expeditionary Security Forces, manned the entry control point into the Coalition Compound when the metal frame holding up the canopy began to violently shake, and the canopy was ripped off the frame.

"It sounded like an explosion," Airman Feliciano said. "I radioed my supervisor to come over immediately, and then we blocked traffic and took shelter."

Base agencies and wing emergency response forces sprang into action to communicate the hazardous conditions to personnel in the air and on the ground.

The 379th EOSS Combat Weather Team sent out warnings about damaging winds all day leading up to the storm. Air traffic control specialists controlled air space and communicated weather conditions to aircrews and host nation air traffic controllers until the last minute when they had to evacuate from the tower due to the dangerous winds.

After the storm, Airmen from the Airfield Management Section designed the game plan for getting the airfield back up and running based on the Combat Weather Team's latest forecasts.

Airfield Management also coordinated the clearing of foreign object debris off the runway and taxiways with the 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron sweepers. The sweepers also cleared pathways in front of four aircraft that had been waiting in place for about two hours, said Lt. Col. William Tart, 379th EOSS commander.

The 379th AEW Command Post served as the eyes and ears of the commander throughout the storm, communicating to base personnel through multiple channels and coordinated emergency response forces.

In the end, aircrews were only delayed for less than three hours from taking off to support ground forces in Iraq and Afghanistan, Colonel Tart said.

As the winds subsided, the 379th ECES got to work on the extensive damage assessment in dark and still windy conditions.

"Civil engineer forces play a pivotal role in the base's ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from events or contingencies," said Lt. Col. Jennifer Kilbourn, 379th ECES commander.

The 379th ECES Unit Control Center staff reported to work as soon as conditions allowed for safe travel, and civil engineer damage assessment teams were dispatched to collect information regarding the status of the airfield and supporting infrastructure, she said.



Photo by Capt. Wes Ticer

Airmen from the 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron take down a damaged canopy frame. Civil engineer forces play a pivotal role in the base's ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from events or contingencies.

Effective damage assessment operations must be completed before any repairs can be accomplished.

Civil engineer repair teams must know what areas are damaged, the extent of damage in each area, and approximately what will be required to repair the damage. These teams rely heavily on damage reported by units around the base to 379th ECES Customer Service. The 379th ECES then uses the wing facilities priority list and concern for life or safety to determine the order of repairs, Colonel Kilbourn said.

"In the case of Thursday's storm, we had multiple locations that required immediate action to make the area safe," Colonel Kilbourn said. "After all areas are deemed safe, civil engineers can then go back to facility priorities such as the Combined Air Operations Center and airfield to begin permanent repairs to the facilities."

The 379th ECES response to the storm was what they train for year-round.

"Our highly-skilled teams worked through the night ensuring all safety concerns were addressed and began the repair effort. We're still working down the damaged facility list, making all possible repairs and have begun the programming actions to replace those facilities that were damaged beyond the scope of in-house repair," Colonel Kilbourn said.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Gonzalez

Staff Sgt. Selvin Hudson, 379th ECES structures craftsman repairs a garage door damaged by the hurricane-force winds that occurred last Thursday.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Gonzalez

(Foreground) Staff Sgt. Rodney Bati, 379th Expeditionary Communications Squadron small computers technician and Staff Sgt. Courtney Gibson, 379th ECS resource advisor, help carry a "wounded" patient on a litter during the wing exercise March 26. The exercise involved a variety of different scenarios stretching from morning until late at night.

Emergency management

Mission continues despite simulated attacks

by Staff Sgt. Jasmine Reif
NCOIC, 379th AEW Public Affairs

More than 6,000 personnel at the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing participated in Emergency Management exercises, which reinforced the ability to handle incidents quickly and effectively, while ensuring the mission continued.

Scenarios used for the exercises were not thought up by planners, rather many came from actual events that occurred in Iraq and Afghanistan. The 379th Air Expeditionary Wing Plans and Programs office planned the exercise over the course of a month and a half and made every effort to make the situations as realistic as possible.

"We held 23 Exercise Evaluation Team meetings leading up to the exercise. Each meeting was designed to wring out any potential pit falls in our plan," said Lt. Col. Mark Simpson, 379th AEW Plans and Programs chief. "We also didn't want to interrupt the mission, but wanted to use flightline personnel to hit on some very important learning points."

Careful planning went into using everyone, to show new base personnel how the 379th AEW handles situations differently than their home station.

"Every Air Expeditionary Force brings in a new group of talented people who are not used to working with each other," Colonel Simpson said. "They bring new ideas of how to solve the difficult problems presented by our exercise scenarios. We use this opportunity not only to train people on how the wing 'works,' but also to learn from them. Additionally, we are fortunate to be able to grow and learn by exercising these scenarios with our Coalition partners and the host nation in a variety of responses."

Saturday provided an opportunity to stand up the Battle Staff and introduce the players to exercise intelligence injects that were flowing in to set the scene for the overall scenario.

"Communications are always the weakest link in any operation and the Battle Staff used the opportunity to ops check equipment that would be needed to carry out their mission," said Capt. Christopher Brecheisen, deputy chief of wing plans and programs.

On Monday, the wing leadership wanted to measure the ability to respond to contingencies involving possible terrorist attacks on base. It involved a variety of different scenarios stretching from morning until late at night. The scenarios were tailored around the objectives the individual units wanted to see accomplished.

"We were able to evaluate the skills of our first responders attending to mass injuries and fatalities, extinguishing fires, and securing the scene," Captain Brecheisen said. "Monday also gave us the chance to see how our communications would flow with accidents involving our coalition partners."

After each phase of the scenario, the evaluation team takes the opportunity to discuss the situation with the members involved and talk through how the task could have been executed more efficiently.

"It essentially results in people asking questions about how to respond to situations that we should all be thinking about on a daily basis while in the area of responsibility," Captain Brecheisen said.

"This was a ground-breaking event," said Col. Jeffrey Fraser, 379th AEW vice commander. "We locked the base down, but we continued operations."

Colonel Fraser added that wing personnel will build on what they learned and will be better prepared if called on to respond to real-world threats.

"We hope we never have to do this for real, but we still have to prepare to recover and keep the mission going," Colonel Fraser said. "That's why we are here."

New system uses CAC to sign for meals

by Staff Sgt. Jasmine Reif
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The 379th Expeditionary Services Squadron will soon implement the "Field Food Headcount" system, at the dining facilities on base.

The system will allow Department of Defense employees who have Common Access Cards to scan in the front of their cards to automatically sign-in for meals. DynCorp contractors and Coalition partners will still be required to sign-in on their respective clip boards.

"The system is being implemented to assist with the meal headcount accounting process and to make it easier for customers to accurately sign in for their meals, said Capt. Eddie Robles, 379th ESVS deputy commander.

Temporarily, if a customer forgets their CAC they will be able to sign in on a clip-board.

Even though a 2-second scan is shorter than the current TDY/Transient sign-in process of writing name, last four and unit, the main benefits and biggest time savings will occur after a customer scans in.

"Currently, we have one food service accountant assigned to a food service operation, that is on pace to serving over five million meals in fiscal year 07," Captain Robles said. "No matter how good an accountant, the human factor for making errors will always exist.

This program is designed to quickly and accurately generate reports that will help prevent errors and track meal headcounts; which directly relates to the amount of money our Food Service operation receives to put out the best quality meal we can serve."

The squadron also believes this system will serve as a good AFSO 21 initiative for the wing because of the amount of time it saves the staff in consolidating meal headcounts.

"Collecting sign-in sheets, consolidating and adding them up for our headcount report is time consuming process," he said. "Our accountant currently spends more than four hours a day going through the current process, which we anticipate will be reduced to less than one hour per day."

In addition, the current process generates nearly 10,000 sheets of paper per month for record keeping, but will now be stored on just a few re-writable compact discs. Over the course of a year the squadron will eliminate an entire iso-container full of paperwork.

The system operates off of a normal computer with a barcode scanner. The computers and monitors used for the system cost the same as standard office equipment.

The scanners cost about \$400 each. The plan is to have a total of nine stations set up

How to sign in for meals using CAC

- 1. Place your CAC under the scanner picture side up. Holding your card sideways, scan the barcode beneath your picture.**



- 2. When your name appears on the screen you are done.**

at the food service facilities to include one at the Grab n' Go Flight Kitchen.

Servicemember's relief act protects those who serve from consequences that may result from active-duty service

Compiled by the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing Legal Office

The Servicemember's Civil Relief Act protects personnel serving on active duty from adverse consequences to their legal rights that may result from service.

Some SCRA protections also apply to Reservists and Guardsmen called to serve on active duty. Other protections apply to members who are just entering service; members who have always been on active duty; and military dependents including spouses, children and those provided with more than one-half of their support.

The SCRA applies only to civil court actions. It does not apply to criminal actions. The following is a listing of a few primary SCRA protections:

Administrative or court proceeding: If you are involved in an administrative proceeding of any kind or a civil court case and cannot appear because of military service, you may request an automatic 90-day delay, and request additional delays, while serving on active duty or within 90 days after completing an active duty assignment.

All courts within the United States must give

the member the initial 90-day delay. Further delays are within the court's discretion. To receive the delay, the member must request it and submit a letter from his or her commander stating that military duties prohibit the member from attending court and that military leave is not authorized.

Automobile lease: A military member may terminate an automobile lease that was entered into before: 1. Being called to active duty for a period of 180 or more days 2. Receiving orders to a permanent change of duty station outside the U.S. or from a duty station outside the U.S. or 3. Deploying with a military unit for 180 days or more.

Housing lease: You may terminate a rental lease that was entered into before: (1) being called to active duty; (2) receiving orders for a permanent change of duty station; (3) deploying with a military unit for 90 days or more; or (4) separating or retiring from the military. No "military clause" in the lease is required.

Eviction: You and those you provide for cannot be evicted from your primary residence while serving on active duty without a court order. Even with a court order, evictions could be delayed 90 days. This provision applies to leases for \$2,400 or less per month.

Contracts: A creditor cannot terminate an installment contract for the purchase, lease or bailment of real or personal property, such as an automobile, that you entered into before serving on active duty, without a court order. The court order is required before the creditor may rescind the contract or repossess the property.

Foreclosures and forced sales: A mortgagor or lien holder cannot foreclose a mortgage or enforce a lien on property you acquired before serving on active duty.

Interest rates: On purchases you made before serving on active duty, interest-rates cannot be over 6 percent – including credit cards and mortgages. This provision does not apply to student loans.

State and federal income taxes: If active-duty service materially affects your ability to pay state or federal income taxes, such taxes may be deferred. You are subject to state taxes based on your military income or other property, such as a car, only to your state of legal residency.

The above list doesn't include all benefits of the SCRA. If you believe your military service has affected your ability to pay financial obligations, or if you have any questions regarding the SCRA, call the 379th AEW Judge Advocate at 437-2707 for an appointment.

"Don't let anything get you down"

Airman battled cancer, returns to fly missions

by Staff Sgt. Jasmine Reif
NCOIC, 379th AEW Public Affairs

"Before I was diagnosed, I was like everybody else, I thought I was bulletproof," said Lt. Col. Kurt Barry, 128th Expeditionary Air Command and Control Squadron, E-8C mission crew commander.

In October 2004, while serving a staff tour in Europe, Colonel Barry had his annual physical and was surprised when the doctors told him his white blood cell count was high. He was given several exams, and then a CAT scan; afterwards he said his life was forever changed when the doctor informed him he had cancer.

"It hit me like a ton of bricks. I couldn't see straight, I felt dizzy, I had to sit down and from that moment my life changed forever," Colonel Barry said.

Before he had time to process what was happening, he was rushed into surgery the next day and doctors removed the tumor from his abdomen.

"They operated on me before I even had time to call home," he said. "In retrospect, it was the best thing because I learned that you want to treat cancer like taking a weed infesting a flower bed out with a nuke."

After the operation, Colonel Barry had to wait for the incision to heal before he could go to Walter Reed Army Medical Center for follow-on radiation / chemotherapy.

"The worst experience came when I went to Walter Reed in January 2005, he said. "At first I thought it wasn't so bad. I initially didn't feel tired or any other effects, but as time wore on I started to feel very exhausted and weak."

The treatments lasted seven weeks and having the support of family and friends and his faith in God, is what he said got him through this difficult time.

During his time at the medical center, he had the opportunity to talk to Lance Armstrong, who had come back from a much more advanced cancer, and went on to win seven Tours de France.

"From that moment, I thought of Lance's words, 'mile by mile...' I would keep my goals in sight and continue to make progress toward them, Colonel Barry said. "As a flier I was put on non-flying status when I was diagnosed, and my goal was to come back and fly again."

Later that year after being diagnosed, he traveled to Paris to see Lance Armstrong win his seventh Tour de France. He said it inspired him to reach his goal of coming back.

He didn't want to be separated from the Air Force, so he started working out every day, even prior to radiation and chemotherapy treatment.

"My treatments were at 1 p.m. and I was pretty much a vegetable for the rest of the afternoon after them," he said. "In the morning I would work out the best I could, even if I could only do a mile on the treadmill or half an hour on the cross trainer.

It was my inch-by-inch goal. So I would go get treatment, pass out and do it again the next day. Everyday I woke up alive, I told myself 'okay, get moving' and I would force myself."

When the treatments were over, Colonel Barry went back to Europe, and being on a non-flying tour allowed him the time to figure out how he was going to get back on flying status.

"I needed to pass my Air Force Physical Fitness Test. I knew I wouldn't score a 95 like I had before, but I worked out hard and watched what I ate and scored an 80. That was one more goal accomplished," he said.

He was scheduled to go through a medical evaluation board and needed strong support from his leadership to keep him in the Air Force.

"I was going through regular quarterly medical evaluations, because they want to see if you have anything left over from your cancer. Everything came back negative. I submitted the package to the medical evaluation board and they came back with a recommendation for me to return to flying status. With that, my second and third goals were reached."

His next goal was getting assigned to a combat flying unit, and with today's Air Force he said it wasn't hard. He was re-assigned back to JSTARS, but found much resistance in getting him a waiver to fly again.

"It was probably very complicated to get me qualified to fly again, and I have to thank two squadron commanders, and the 128th ACCS members who helped me, said Colonel Barry. "One squadron commander is deployed here, Lt. Col. Robert Campbell, the 128th EACCS commander. They took the time to help me re-qualify back into the jet. This may seem like a small task, to just call the flight scheduler and tell them to put me on a flight, but for me it was huge because I was finally getting back to flying status."

He passed his check ride and got a waiver to deploy and feels this is his culmination of coming back from a debilitating condition.

"My message is that you can't let anything get you down," Colonel Barry said. "Sure, this is a very life changing event and one of the things that changed for me was I was religious before, but now I'm deeply aware that there is a higher power. I had faith that God would help me through."

He feels that there are four important steps to overcoming a life altering medical condition and that staying focused and making goals will get you through.

Step one is having the attitude that you're going to fight it," he said. "Medical treatment of cancer has improved since 20 years ago, and I'm



Photo by Senior Airman Erik Hofmeyer

Lt. Col. Kurt Barry, 128th Expeditionary Air Command and Control Squadron air battle manager, beat cancer and fought to return to flying status.

thankful for that.

Step two is going through treatment. I've met people who were fine at the beginning of their treatment, but as the weeks went on they were sick and I was there to help them out, Colonel Barry said. Just realize that treatment is an ordeal that you have to go through.

Step three is having the support of family and friends. Having those people there for you or to sympathize with you really helps, he said.

Step four is getting back to normal, getting back to where you were and realizing that there are going to be some changes in your life, Colonel Barry explained.

"A big change for me is the regular checkups including CAT scans, MRI and blood work. I have no control over it. These checks are necessary since with each "negative" result, that is another step toward remission. Part of getting back to normal is educating other people by saying 'I need this time off for my medical checks, I'm not goofing off, I just have to get this done because I want to continue to serve in the Air Force and defend my country.'"

Colonel Barry says he doesn't live in fear that the cancer might come back, for that would be giving in to the disease. He urges everyone to take their medical exams seriously. If they find out their family has a history of cancer, then get checked out if something doesn't feel right or if they find a bump anywhere.

His last goal is one that was delayed when he was diagnosed.

"I made my flying goal and am here flying combat missions and my last goal is to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania," Colonel Barry said. "I was supposed to do it with a bunch of buddies before I was diagnosed. It's the largest free standing mountain in the world.

"Just remember that with the right attitude you can make it through anything and reach your goals. I see life very differently now and don't take things for granted," Colonel Barry said. "It's good to be flying high again."



Photo by Staff Sgt. David Miller

Staff Sgt. Shaun Bennet (left) and Senior Airman Maurice Williams, 379th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron 34th Aircraft Maintenance Unit jet engine technicians, inspect B-1B Lancer internal compressor blades during an engine borescope inspection. This inspection is accomplished every 100 engine operating hours.

Wing Airmen tackle increased ops tempo

by Capt. Wes Ticer
Chief, 379th AEW Public Affairs

Airmen from the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing continue to maintain increased operations, both in the air and on the ground, in support of ground forces in Afghanistan and Iraq.

This week, bombers assigned to the 379th AEW saw an increase in combat sorties on the Combined Forces Air Component commander's air tasking order.

The 34th EBS "Thunderbirds" are called upon daily to provide close air support to ground forces through precision bombing and shows of force and presence. The additional flying made for a busy week for aircrews and ground support.

"This was a good test for us to stretch our legs a little and get a taste of surge operations," said Lt. Col. Quinten Miklos, 34th EBS director of operations. "It's an issue of stamina because what I'm asking people to do is to fly sorties more frequently."

Aircrew members are on a cycle that consists of crew rest, flying and recovering from a mission. According to Colonel Miklos, a 12-hour sortie typically occupies the aircrew for 18 hours.

"For the crews, it presents a scheduling challenge because we are limited in the normal flow of sortie generation, Colonel Miklos said. "Our planners have to juggle the schedule to adjust crews to ensure the proper rest and time for planning."

B-1 maintenance crews managed the surge in operations by thinking outside the box and because of their robust supply system, according to Chief Master Sgt. James Sanders, 34th Aircraft Maintenance Unit superintendent.

"Every time we surge it puts extra work on the maintenance crews, but you never know how big of an impact it will have until the planes return," Chief Sanders said. "We have to hope the jet that comes back can be turned quickly. When it drops bombs, that adds more maintenance."

When the maintainers have their "backs against the wall," they have to increase their intensity and urgency to find ways to get the jets in the air and over the target.

"Around the clock, you can walk through our area anytime and you won't see anyone who is not busy," Chief Sanders said. "The B-1 is a maintenance-intensive aircraft, and to have a small inventory (of aircraft), it makes it a constant effort."

"Our saving grace is our supply system and inventory of parts," Chief Sanders said. "It's a big asset to us over here." The 379th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron supply specialists work with maintenance specialists to ensure everything from paper to airplane parts is available to meet the ATO.

The B-1 supply kit is filled mostly with high break items, but when a jet is broken and needs a unique part, the maintainers have to press to keep the remaining aircraft mission capable while awaiting the part, according to Chief Sanders.

"We have made every ATO mission thrown at us," the chief said. "It takes the Airmen knowing the importance of the mission, which we instill in them everyday... there are troops on the ground that are counting on them"

"We will always provide safe, reliable and effective aircraft to our Aircrew and our maintainers don't know the word 'quit' when getting an ATO mission off the ground to help our ground troops."

The B-1s are not alone as they ramp up operations. More flights and increased sortie durations result in the need for increased fuel, which means more tanker requirements.

"Any time combat sorties are added for one of our strike or ISR aircraft, we see our

numbers go up also,” said Lt. Col. Tom Riney, 340th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron commander.

The KC-135 planners, maintenance teams, and crews also feel the crunch of increased operations.

“Our Airmen have risen to every challenge and continue to make the mission happen. The maintainers from the 340th AMU led by Capt. Christopher Raffensperger and 1st Lt. Tomas Alford do a fantastic job keeping these 50 year old birds in the air,” Colonel Riney said.

“Our planners and crews do a tremendous job handling the increased workload. From the planning, to the fuel, to bombs on target, it is a total 379th AEW team effort,” Colonel Riney said.

On the ground, fuel specialists from the 379th ELRS continue to see record volumes of JP-8 on loaded to wing aircraft.

The 763rd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron is getting an additional RC-135 Rivet Joint crew to support the ISR surge. The increase will allow the squadron to fly additional sorties.

“We are in large measure providing direct support and threat warning to ground forces,” said Lt. Col. Karen Bridges, 763rd ERS commander.

Additionally, the 8th Expeditionary Air Mobility Squadron has seen an increase in cargo movement requirements as a result of the surge, according to Maj. Todd Dyer, squadron director of operations.

Recently the squadron moved 500 short tons of Harvest Base Expeditionary Airfield Resource equipment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Harvest BEAR cargo, is used to set up a field kitchen, power, housing, laundry and bathroom facilities at austere locations, was moved into Iraq within 96 hours of arriving here, Major Dyer said.



Photo by Senior Airman Erik Hofmeyer

Staff Sgt. Kevin Rayburn (left) and Tech. Sgt. Jeff Allen, 379th EAMXS weapons load crew members load a 2000 pound GBU-31 Joint Direct Attack Munition hoisted up by a MJ-40 lift truck onto a B-1 Wednesday.



Photo by Staff Sgt. David Miller

A B-1B Lancer takes off from the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing. B-1s from the 34th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron were once again called on to increase operations in support of ground forces in Afghanistan through precision bombing and shows of force and presence.

Airmen recognized during March promotion, recognition ceremony

The following Airmen at the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing were recognized at the March Promotion Recognition Ceremony March 31 at the base theater:

Airman 1st class

Hazel Burgos, 379th ECES
Nainoa Keliihananui, 379th ESVS
Nathan Ritchie, 8th EAMS
Dominick Pondant, 379th ESFS

Senior airman

Jon Engen, 8th EAMS
Nicholas Klenke, 8th EAMS
Melvin Mitchell, 379th EMXS
John Long, 379th EMXS
Shira James, 379th EMXS
Joseph Gamache, 379th EMXS
Westly Lowe, 379th EMXS
Thomas Hutchins, 379th ECES
Carlos Haro, 379th ECES
Anthony Reed, CAOC
Christopher Cole, CAOC
John Quiggle, 34th AMU
Albert Salangsang, 746th AMU
Robert Walsh, 379th ELRS
Raffinee Johnson, 379th ELRS
Michael Miles, 379th ELRS
Theron White, 379th ELRS
Matthew Marinas, 379th ELRS

Staff sergeant

Kyle Sperry, 379th EOSS
Jared Newman, 8th EAMS
Jake Bryers, 379th EMXS
Nhat Nguyen, 379th EMXS
Joshua Baker, 379th ECES
Jose Gonzalez, 379th ECES
Jesse Korenko, 379th ECES
Kyle Snyder, 379th ECS

Cody Kaiser, 340th AMU
Thomas Rapp, 55th AMU
Mark Carter, 379 ELRS
Jeremiah Green, 379th ESFS
Kimberly Radack, 763rd ERS
Adrian Chavez, 64 ESFS

Technical sergeant

Brad Shimkus, 379th EMDG
Robert Fletcher, 379th EOSS
Frank Wright, 8th EAMS
Jose Zayas, 8th EAMS
Grant Jacobs, 379th ECS
Jeremy Brown, 379th EMXS
Robert Stalter, 379th ECES
Amy Buch, 763rd ERS
Michael Ledford, 34th AMU
Paul Lovelace, 340th AMU
Craig Ransaw, 340th AMU
Wyshell Boyd, 379th ELRS

Master sergeant

Sally Perez, 379th EMDG
Scott Tierney, 379th EOSS
Bradley Schneider, 379th EMXS
Richard Sato, 379th EMXS
Thomas Clifford, CAOC
Tommy Byrns, CAOC
Scott White, 746th AMU
Joel Brown, 379th ELRS

First lieutenant

Wilburn Poe, 34th AMU

Captain

Kathleen Merriman, 763rd ERS

Major

Michael Horowitz, CAOC

Lieutenant colonel

Michael Lawrence, 379th EAMXS

February monthly award winners

Honor Guard Airman of the Month

Senior Airman Marlon Quitos, 379 ECES

Honor Guard NCO of the Month

Staff Sgt. David Stollings, 379th ECES

379th AEW Airman of the Month

Airman 1st Class Anthony Reed, CAOC

379th AEW NCO of the Month

Staff Sgt. Melissa Gonzalez, 379th ESVS

379th AEW SNCO of the Month

Senior Master Sgt. Christopher Simpson, 379th ECES

379 AEW CGO of the Month

Capt. John Hampel, 379th EMXS

379th AEW Civilian of the Month

Michele Kantak, 379th ECS

379th AEW squadron of the Month

Blood Transshipment Logistics team

Outstanding CDC test scores

379th ESVS

Tech. Sgt. Matthew Foulkes
96 percent

Airman Catherine Leahy
95 percent

Staff Sgt. Leina Luppino
93 percent

Airman 1st Class Arlan Peden
92 percent

Senior Airman Dominic Buzzelli
92 percent

Senior Airman Dondra Simmons
91 percent

379th EAMXS

Staff Sgt. Francis Grimm, 92 percent

816th EAS

Airman William Davis, 93 percent

379th ECES

Senior Airman David Fites
92 percent

379th ESFS

Staff Sgt. Bryan Collier, 90 percent



Tech. Sgt. Calvin D. Young, 379th Expeditionary Medical Group Public Health element NCOIC, is presented the Desert 5 Mentorship Award for the month of March by Chief Master Sgt. Arvin Davis, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing command chief.

Wing Air Power Summary

The 379th Air Expeditionary Wing contributed to the following airpower missions from March 25-29:

Bomber aircraft missions

In Afghanistan March 25, A U.S. Air Force B-1B Lancer dropped Guided Bomb Unit-38s on insurgents in an open area and others hiding behind a wall near Tarin Kowt. A Joint Terminal Attack Controller confirmed the targets were directly hit.

In Afghanistan March 26, A U.S. Air Force B-1B Lancer dropped GBU-31s on four insurgent buildings near Sangin. A JTAC confirmed the targets were directly hit.

ISR missions

The 379th AEW contributed to U.S. Air Force Surveillance and Reconnaissance aircraft flying 107 missions in support of operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. U.S. Navy fighter aircraft performed in non-traditional ISR roles with their electro-optical and infrared sensors. Nine U.S. Air Force and Royal Air Force ISR aircraft missions were flown March 24.

Intra-theater airlift missions

The 379th AEW contributed to U.S. Air Force C-130s and C-17s intra-theater heavy airlift support sorties, helping sustain operations throughout Afghanistan, Iraq and the Horn of Africa. Nearly 561 airlift sorties were flown; nearly 1,475 tons of cargo was delivered, and approximately 2,610 passengers were transported.

The 8th Expeditionary Air Mobility Squadron loaded more than 1,400 tons of cargo. The total military aircraft worked were 84 inbound and 91 outbound. The 746th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron and 816th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron delivered the cargo throughout the theater. The 379th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron PAX terminal



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Deborah Davis

An RC-135 Rivet Joint from 379th Air Expeditionary Wing takes off for a mission last week. The Rivet Joint provides real time on-scene intelligence collection, surveillance and analysis to forces in the air and on the ground in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

processed 220 personnel assigned to the 379th AEW and an additional 394 personnel heading to forward deployed locations. Approximately 230 outbound personnel were also processed.

Air refueling missions

The 379th AEW contributed to U.S. Air Force, Royal Air Force and French Air Force crews flew 165 sorties and off-loaded more than 10.7 million pounds of fuel. The 340th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron off-loaded more than 4.2 million pounds of fuel and flew about 70 sorties.

Immigration procedures

HNCC offers guidance on entering, exiting the host nation

Compiled by the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing Host Nation Coordination Cell

When Department of Defense Common Access Cards are collected by a PERSCO representative for a few minutes when you first in-process to the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, they're used to immigrate DOD military and civilian personnel into our host nation.

Our host nation has very specific immigration rules that apply to everyone entering the country by air, land or sea. Through various agreements, this country allows DOD military and civilian personnel to enter and exit using their CAC and orders. Failure to immigrate properly can cause delays when you are ready to depart the country, and often lead to fines and penalties.

The Host Nation Coordination Cell stresses the importance of the following three tips for proper immigration procedures. First, use the same credentials when you enter and exit. If for some reason you entered using your passport, make sure you exit the country using your passport. Secondly, if you are DOD military or

civilian, do not purchase a tourist visa if flying into the host nation's International Airport. Thirdly, don't lose your credentials such as your passport, CAC or orders while traveling.

"We've had DOD civilians and servicemembers who have left without their passport stamped, never immigrated out properly, and then came back for a new rotation or on temporary duty assignment and had to pay a hefty fine," said Maj. Brian Angell, chief, Immigrations Host Nation Coordination Cell.

In another recent case, an Airman was not authorized to leave for a month and a half because he lost his passport, and was waiting for personnel from his home station to order him a new one.

DOD contractors enter and exit using their DOD CAC, passport, multi-entry/exit visa, and Letter of Authorization. Without all of these items, contractors are not allowed to enter/exit without specific host nation approval.

Some DOD civilians are not required to have their social security number on the back of the CAC. If this is the case, they must also

produce a passport and receive an entry stamp. Under no circumstances should DOD military or DOD civilians purchase a tourist visa. The tourist visa is only good for 30 days. Within that time you would be expected to exit the country or be expected to pay fines starting at 200 riyals per day. This causes confusion for the customer and impacts the mission while the personnel travel back and forth to immigrate properly. Use your CAC and orders and this won't be an issue for you.

One measure base personnel will take to ensure 100 percent identification at all times is that effective April 1, all personnel in a vehicle trying to exit the base will present a valid CAC or passport to the 379th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron gate guard. Vehicles will be turned around if any individual in the vehicle is without at least one of the two items.

Following proper immigration procedures is not only good practice, it's the law of our host nation. If you have any questions regarding immigration please call HNCC at DSN 437-6107.

Five Pillars of Islam

There are five basic religious tenets to Islam, generally called the Five Pillars of Islam:

Shahadah: The profession of faith: 'I testify there is no God but Allah and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah.

Salah: The faithful must turn toward Mecca and recite a prescribed prayer five times daily at dawn, just after midday, asr (mid afternoon), just after sunset and before midnight. The most important prayer is the Friday prayer, delivered from a pulpit of the mosque by a prayer leader. In many Muslim countries, Friday is a holiday, with banks and shops closed all day. Respect a Muslim's need to perform this duty and do not walk in front of someone praying. Do not attempt to enter a Mosque (Moslem house of worship). Do not take photographs, unless you have been given permission to do so.

Zakah: A compulsory payment from a Muslim's annual savings. It literally means 'purification'. Zakah can only be used for helping the poor and needy, the disabled, the oppressed, debtors and other welfare purposes defined in the Qur'an and Sunnah.

Ramadan: All Muslims are required to fast during the Holy Month of Ramadan (a lunar month of 29 or 30 days, which falls 11 days earlier each year, depending on sightings of the moon). All Muslims completely abstain from food, drink, sex and tobacco from dawn to sunset. Non-Muslims should respect this practice and whenever possible avoid infringing these laws in front of Muslims, since this would be considered an insult. Right after sunset, most Muslims will break their fast, and a little business or travel will be practical for the visitor at this time.

The Hajj: The pilgrimage to Mecca. Every Muslim who can afford it and is fit enough must make the journey at least once in their lifetime.

Jihad: Sometimes thought of as the sixth pillar, it does not mean "holy war," but is used to describe the personal battle one undertakes against sin and temptation.



"Introducing 'Boomer' the EOD Teletubby"

The winner of Caption Contest No. 24 is Chief Master Sgt. William Savage, 379th Expeditionary Operations Group superintendent. Congratulations!

Other submissions this week are:

"After a string of sports related injuries, the Air Force begins testing its new PT gear."

- Staff Sgt. Andrew Elliott

"Honestly, does this make me look fat?"

- Airman 1st Class Jeremy Dame

Caption Contest



Rules

Photo No. 25

This week try your hand at writing a caption for this week's photo. The author whose caption entry gets the most laughs - or groans - from our panel wins.

1. Write an imaginative, humorous, printable caption related to the Air Force.
2. E-mail caption entries to DESERT.EAGLE@auab.centaf.af.mil with the words 'Caption Contest' in the subject header.
3. Include the Caption Contest photo number you are referencing, your name, rank, deployed unit and phone number.
4. Winners are announced in the following paper.
5. Deadline for submission is noon Wednesday.

WARRIORS OF THE WEEK

Airman 1st Class

Fabiola Yanez

**Quick Reaction Force Heavy Gunner
(240B) Member**

**64th Expeditionary Security
Forces Squadron**

Hometown: Chicago, Ill.

Home station: Tyndall AFB, Fla.

Date arrived in AOR: Nov. 28

Deployment goals: Start taking classes toward my CCAF and attain my 5 skill level

Best part of the deployment: Interacting and working in such a diverse community. Being selected as part of the Quick Reaction Force team allows me to take even more pride in my job.

Hobbies: Reading, writing, oldies music

Best Air Force memory: Watching F-22s take off for flight and knowing that it is because we provide them security 365/24/7 that they are safe and free to fly makes me proud of what we do as security forces



Senior Airman

David Newsome

**Technical Control Facility Controller
379th Expeditionary**

Communications Squadron

Hometown: Beaufort, S.C.

Home station: Langley AFB, Va.

Date arrived in AOR: Jan. 9

Deployment goals: Study to make staff sergeant and become a Cisco Certified Network Associate

Best part of the deployment: Getting hands-on experience in a new aspect of my job.

Hobbies: Weightlifting, reading, playing guitar

Best Air Force memory: Testing the new Cargo Management Operation program for joint Air Force and Army operations at Langley AFB, Va.



Staff Sgt. Gabriel Lieber

Air Mobility Control Center

Senior Controller

8th Expeditionary Air Mobility Squadron

Hometown: Mesa, Ariz.

Home station: Laughlin AFB, Texas

Date arrived in AOR: Jan. 24

Deployment goals: Finish CCAF requirements, study for promotion, get fit

Best part of the deployment: Meeting and working with people from around the Air Force

Hobbies: Golf

Best Air Force memory: Meeting Colin Powell, receiving senior airman BTZ



Sunday

2000 Salsa
2100 Jiu-Jitsu
2300 Salsa

Monday

0500 Combat Circuit
0700 Step/floor aerobics
1000 Jiu-Jitsu
1900 Abs
1900 Boxcercise
(RED HORSE)
1930 Xtra Abs
2000 Salsa
2100 Jiu-Jitsu
2230 Cardio Circuit
2330 Sculpting

Tuesday

0500 Warrior Abs
0600 Sculpting
0900 Toning
1000 Jiu-Jitsu
1800 Step/Floor Aerobics
1900 Circuit (RED HORSE)
1900 Hardcore Abs
2015 Boot Camp Circuit

Wednesday

0500 Combat Circuit
0700 Step/floor aerobics
1900 Abs
1930 Xtra Abs
2130 Jiu-Jitsu
2230 Cardio Circuit

Thursday

0500 Warrior Abs
0600 Sculpting

0900 toning
1000 Jiu-Jitsu
1800 Step aerobics
1900 Circuit (RED HORSE)
1900 Hardcore Abs
2000 Salsa
2100 Yoga/Pilates

Friday

0500 Combat Circuit
1900 Abs
1930 Xtra Abs
2000 Salsa
2100 Jiu-Jitsu
2230 Cardio Circuit
2330 Sculpting

Saturday

1000 Jiu-Jitsu
1900 Capoeira
2000 Xtra Abs
2100 Salsa



Chapel office hours are 0730 to 2300. Call the chapel at 437-8811.

MPR: Multi-Purpose Room

Conf: Conference Room

Sanct: Sanctuary

BSR: Blessed Sacrament Room

Monday

Prayer Warriors, Sanct, 0445-0615
Holy Communion, Sanct, 0645-0715
Redeployment Brief, Sanct, 1000-1030
Daily Mass, BSR, 1130-1200
Rosary, BSR, 1730-1800
Daily Mass, BSR, 1800-1830
Gospel Service Musician Rehearsal, Sanct, 1900-2130
Women of Virtue, MPR, 2000-2100

Tuesday

Prayer Warriors, Sanct, 0445-0615
Friends of Bill W, Conf, 0900-1000
Redeployment Brief (or Online), Sanct, 1000-1030
Daily Mass, BSR, 1130-1200
Church of Christ Bible Study, MPR, 1700-1800
Rosary, BSR, 1730-1800
Daily Mass, BSR, 1800-1830
Gospel Choir/Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanct, 1900-2130

Holy Communion, Sanct, 1930-2015

Men of Integrity, MPR, 1930-2100
Catholic Bible Study, Conf, 1930-2100

Wednesday

Prayer Warriors, Sanct, 0445-0615
Prot. Communion Service, MPR, 0645-0700
Redeployment Brief (or Online), Sanct, 1000-1030
Daily Mass, BSR, 1130-1200
Catholic Choir Practice, Sanct, 1530-1700
Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, MPR, 1730-1830
Rosary, BSR, 1730-1800

Daily Mass, BSR, 1800-1830
LDS Activity Night, MPR, 1900-2000
Gospel Service Bible Study, Sanct, 1930-2030
Officer's Christian Fellowship (OCF), Conf, 2000-2130
Liturgical Dance, Sanct, 2100-2300

Thursday

Prayer Warriors, Sanct, 0445-0615
Redeployment Brief (or Online), Sanct, 1000-1030
Daily Mass, BSR, 1130-1200
Rosary, BSR, 1730-1800
Trad. Service Choir Rehearsal, Sanct, 1730-1900
Daily Mass, BSR, 1800-1830
Holy Thursday, Sanct, 1800-1915
Gospel Choir/Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanct, 1900-2000
C.S. Lewis, "Mere Christianity" Small Group Study, MPR, 1945-2100
Liturgical Dance, Sanct, 2100-2300
Friends of Bill W, Conf, 2000-2100

Friday

Prayer Warriors, Sanct, 0445-0615
Redeployment Brief (or Online), Sanct, 1000-1030
Good Friday Stations of the Cross, Sanct, 1130-1200
Daily Mass, BSR, 1130-1200
Islamic Prayer, MPR, 1300-1430
Rosary, BSR, 1730-1800
Daily Mass, BSR, 1800-1830
Shabbat Evening Service, MPR, 1800-1900
Shabbat Meal, Conf, 1900-1945
Joy Night (a time of prayer, praise, and encouragement), Sanct, 1930-2030
Men of Integrity, Conf, 2000-2100
Liturgical Dance, Sanct, 2100-2300

Saturday

Prayer Warriors, Sanct, 0445-0615

Seventh-Day Adventist, MPR, 1030-1200
Catholic Choir Practice, Sanct, 1500-1600
Intro to Judaism/Havdalah Service, Conf, 1730-1830

Palm Saturday, Vespers and Matins, Sanct, 1730-1900

Contem. Band Practice, Sanct, 1800-1930
Contem. Worship Service, Sanct, 1930-2045
Buddhist Learning Group, MPR, 1930-2030
Gospel Service Leaders Mtg, Conf, 1930-2100
Contemporary Band Practice, Sanct, 2000-2200
Wiccan/ Earth Based Group, MPR, 2030-2130
Contemporary Bible Study, Conf, 2100-2200
Palm Sunday Vigil Mass, Sanct, 2200-2330

Sunday

Palm Sunday, Sanct, 0800-0930, 1100-1230 (CAOC), 1800-1930

Prayer Warriors, Sanct, 0445-0615
Sunday School, Conf, 0830-0930
Orthodox Service, MPR, 0900-1015
Divine Liturgy for Palm Sunday, MPR, 0900-1015
Orthodox Religious Ed., MPR, 1015-1045
Contem. Worship Service, Sanct, 0930-1045
Prot. Service, CAOC-2nd floor Conf, 0945-1100
Catholic Mass, CAOC-2nd floor Conf, 1100-1200
The Church of Christ Service, MPR, 1100-1200
Latter Day Saints Service, Sanct, 1300-1400
LDS Sunday School, Sanct, 1400-1500
Islamic Studies, Conf, 1500-1600
Protestant Communion Service, MPR, 1500-1515
Traditional Prot. Service, Sanct, 1600-1700
Catholic Reconciliation, Priest's Office, 1715-1745
Gospel Worship Service, Sanct, 1930-2100
Friends of Bill W, Conf, 2000-2100

Services briefs

CAC Calendar of Events



Sunday, Dinner: 5 spice chick, bkd mtlf, rice pilaf, potatoes au gratin, herbed grn bns, succotash, brwn grvy, chck ndle soup **Snack Line:** Buffalo wings, chse sticks, chrry cbbler, chick brst, fries **Specialty Bar:** Oriental Bar

Monday, Midnight: Savory bkd chick, mashed potatoes, simmered pinto bns, french toast sticks, oatmeal, grits, frd rice, wffls, bacon, sausage, burritos **Lunch:** Savory bkd chick, beef yakisoba, mshd potatoes, oven brn potatoes, Brussels sprouts, black eye peas, brwn grvy, minestrone **Dinner:** Chick tetrazzini, rst pork loin, bkd potatoes, stmd rice, corn on the cob, broccoli, brwn grvy, minestrone. **Snack line:** Monte Cristo sandwich, chick nggts, pch cbbler, chick brst, onion rings **Specialty Bar:** Taco Bar

Tuesday, Midnight: Caribbean jerk chick, scalloped potatoes, peas with onions, french tst sticks, oatmeal, grits, frd rice, pncks, bacon belly burrito **Lunch:** Bf porcupines, rst turkey, stmd rice, scalloped potatoes with ham, corn, peas with onions, vgtble sp, beef ndle soup **Dinner:** Country style stk, Caribbean jerk chick, rissole potatoes, mshd potatoes, grn bns, frd clflwr, home-style grvy, bf ndle soup **Snack line:** Knockwurst, sauerkraut, nachos, apple cbbler, chick breast, potato wedges **Specialty Bar:** Southern Meal

Wednesday, Midnight: Blcknd fish, rissole potatoes, Brussels sprouts, french toast sticks, oatmeal, grits, frd rice, wffls, bacon, sausage, burritos **Lunch:** Blcknd fish, mtlf, stmd rice, mashed potatoes, okra, corn on the cob, brwn grvy, tomato soup **Dinner:** Swiss stk with brwn grvy, frd shrimp, mashed potatoes, Filipino rice, carrots, mustard grns, brwn grvy, tomato soup **Snack line:** Corn dogs, pizza, cherry cbbler, chick breast, fries **Specialty Bar:** Potato Bar

Thursday, Midnight: Roast turkey, Fran potatoes, mustard grns, french toast sticks, oatmeal, grits, frd rice, pancakes, bacon belly burrito **Lunch:** Shrimp Creole, turkey pot pie, rice pilaf, scallop potatoes, grn bns with mshrms, peas and carrots, trky grvy, garden vgtble sp **Dinner:** BBQ pork tndrln, oriental chick stir fry, frd rice, egg ndls, black eye peas, cauliflower, chck grvy, garden vegetable soup **Snack line:** Steak and cheese sub, chick ribs, lmn frd fish, pch cbbler, chick breast, curly fries **Specialty Bar:** Curry Bar

Friday, Midnight: Bkd chick, bkd potato, summer squash, french toast sticks, oatmeal, grits, frd rice, wffls, bacon, sausage, burritos **Lunch:** Bkd hrbd fish, BBQ pork loin, cornbread, sweet potatoes, wild rice, collard grns, black eye peas, chick gravy, crm of potato soup **Dinner:** Lmn ppprd fish, Hngn goulash, stmd rice, mashed potatoes, frd cbbge, Boston bkd bns, vgtble gravy, crm of potato soup **Snack line:** BBQ pork, jalapeno poppers, calzones, apple cbbler, chick breast, fries **Specialty Bar:** Pasta Bar

Saturday, Midnight: Bkd fish, egg ndls, peas, french toast sticks, oatmeal, grits, frd rice, pancakes, bacon belly burrito **Lunch:** Chick cordon bleu, Santa fe bkd fish, hopping john rice, mcni and chse, broccoli combo, peas, chick gravy, crm of mshrm sp **Dinner:** Prime rib, shrimp n garlic sauce, parsley bttrd potatoes, stmd rice, squash, french grn bns, au jus grvy, crm of mshrm soup **Snack Line:** Enchiladas, chck filet, chrry cbbler, chick brst, onion rings **Specialty Bar:** Gyro Bar

Now playing at the base theater

All movies and showtimes subject to change

Sunday

1500 Superman Returns
1800 Alien vs. Predator
2000 New Release
2400 Beverly Hills Ninja

Monday

0100 Superman Returns
0400 Blade Trinity
0700 TCN Escort Briefing
0900 343 VIP Rehearsal
1200 New Release
1400 Boat Trip
1900 Desert 5 Talent
Auditions
2300 Room 6

Tuesday

0130 Soul Plane
0400 Flags of Our Fathers
0800 SVS CC Call
1000 Mr. and Mrs. Smith
1200 Freddy Vs Jason

1600 Off Base Drivers Training

1800 SVS CC Call

2000 Wrestlemania
2400 American Pie 2

Wednesday

0200 Eragon
0500 Flags of our Fathers
0900 343 ADA NCO Induction
Ceremony Practice
1200 Alien vs Predator
1500 Freddy vs Jason
1700 Dragonfly
2000 New Release
2200 Superman Returns

Thursday

0130 Mr. and Mrs. Smith
0400 New Release
0600 Room 6
0800 343 ADA Induction
Ceremony
1200 Brown Sugar

1400 Godzilla

1600 Soul Plane
1800 Desert 5 Meeting
2200 Final Cut

Friday

0130 007 Die Another Day
0400 Soul Plane
0630 Right Start
1000 New Release
1300 American Pie 2
1600 ECES CC Call
1900 Godzilla
2300 Room 6

Saturday

0200 Brown Sugar
0500 Dragonfly
0800 Uptown Girls
1100 Superman Returns
1300 Freddy vs. Jason
1600 Alien vs. Predator
1900 New Release
2200 Feast

Now playing at the CAC

All movies and showtimes subject to change

Sunday

1600 Blood Crime
1900 Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas
2200 50 First Dates

Monday

0100/1300 The Naked Gun
0400/1600 Catwoman
0700/1900 Boyz N The Hood
1000/2200 Natural Born Killers

Tuesday

0100/1300 Van Wilder

0400/1600 Chaos Factor

0700/1900 Wedding Crashers
1000/2200 Down in the Valley

Wednesday

0100/1300 Billy Madison
0400/1600 Braveheart
0700/1900 The Brothers
1000/2200 True Lies

Thursday

0100/1300 The Beast
0400/1600 Spanglish
0700/1900 Van Helsing
1000/2200 Trapped in Paradise

Friday

0100/1300 Sweet Home Alabama
0400/1600 Gone Fishing
0700/1900 The Incredible Hulk
1000/2200 The Exorcist

Saturday

0100/1300 Just Friends
0400/1600 Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas
0700/1900 Sahara
1000/2200 Van Wilder



SECAF visits AOR

Secretary of the Air Force Michael Wynne, poses for a photo with 379th Air Expeditionary Wing Honor Guard members and other Airmen from throughout the base on the flightline March 30. Secretary Wynn staged out of the base while touring the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Gonzalez)



Always there for the Airmen

Chaplain (Maj.) Mark Sahady, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, and Senior Airman Thomas Myers (far left), 379th AEW chaplain assistant, visit with Airmen from the 746th Aircraft Maintenance Unit Wednesday. Wing chaplains regularly visit Airmen in their workplaces in an effort to get to know the people in their assigned units. "We try to be a friend in the good times, so they'll come to us during the hard times," Chaplain Sahady said. (Photo by Senior Airman Erik Hofmeyer)